

**PRESIDENT RAWN  
KILLED IN HOME**

Head of Monon Railroad System  
Murdered Early Tuesday Morn-  
ing by Burglar.

**PROBABLY WOUNDED ASSAILANT**

Police Find Trail of Blood Near the  
House.

**EXPIRES ALMOST INSTANTLY**

Heard Noise and Had Gone to  
Investigate.

**TWO SHOTS IN SUCCESSION**

When Members of Family Reach Foot  
of Stairway He is Breathing His  
Last—Twenty Detectives  
at Work.

CHICAGO, July 20.—Ira G. Rawn, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railroad (The Monon), was murdered in his home at Winnetka, a suburb of this city, today. The police are searching for a wounded man as the murderer.

While none in Mr. Rawn's home saw the shooting it is believed that Mr. Rawn shot his assailant, as the police discovered a trail of blood about 100 feet long a short distance east of the house. Two shots were heard by Mr. Rawn's family, and his revolver was found with one discharged cartridge in it.

While it is originally believed by the police that the intruder entered the Rawn home to commit burglary, private detectives working on the case, intimate that there may have been another motive. The detectives say that the work of the man who broke into the house was not that of an expert burglar. A screen door, through which he entered, had been forced open by breaking off the latches. The detective asserts that a burglar could easily have cut away the screen without making a noise, which may have been caused by the breaking of the latches.

Suspect is Released.  
One man has been arrested as a suspect. He immediately was released. The police have searched all the suburbs near Winnetka and several laborers' camps, besides closely watching all trains.

Mr. Rawn recently was a prominent witness in the Chicago & Indiana railroad cases, in which the alleged real estate frauds, approved by the directors and several officers of the road. The case against one of the men still is pending. States Attorney Wyman said that he was satisfied that Mr. Rawn's testimony in the Chicago & Western Indiana fraud proceedings had nothing to do with the murder. Mr. Wyman said he had looked over the testimony and he thought it contained nothing by which Mr. Rawn could have gained the enmity of anyone.

Twenty private detectives are now working on the case.

**Story of Shooting.**

The story of the shooting of Mr. Rawn was told by Ralph G. Coburn, a son-in-law of the victim, this morning.

"Mr. Rawn was awakened by sounds on the first floor of the house," he said. "He insisted upon going down to ascertain the cause, although Mrs. Rawn tried to persuade him not to do so."

"He descended the stairs and had barely reached the landing when everyone in the house was awakened by the roar of two shots fired in quick succession."

"I rushed out, as did the others. We found Mr. Rawn lying in his night clothes. Blood was trickling from his breast."

"He struggled, turned over, tried to speak and could not. We sent in hurried calls for a doctor. Mr. Rawn died within five or six minutes after the shot had been fired. He did not regain consciousness."

"We immediately summoned the Winnetka police, and it was they who found the mark on the door which established the fact that the crime had been committed by a burglar. Other than that we have no clue."

"The house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Rawn, their daughter, Mrs. Bigelow, and my wife and myself and our two children. There were also three servants in the house, including the Illinois Central and Mrs. Bigelow's maid. None of the rest of us heard the burglar."

"Only one bullet took effect. The other went wild."

**Career of Mr. Rawn.**  
Mr. Rawn has three daughters, all married. They are Mrs. Hubert C. Brinkley, Mrs. Ralph G. Coburn and Mrs. D. N. Bigelow.

Mr. Rawn was 55 years old, having been born August 20, 1854, at Delaware, O. He entered the railway service in 1870, beginning as a telegraph operator for the Big Four. After rising to be trainmaster with that road, he went to the Kentucky Central railway in 1887 as master of transportation. Two years later he became division superintendent and superintendent of transportation of the Chesapeake & Ohio. In 1899 he was made general superintendent of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern. He became general manager of that system in 1904 and in 1907 was made vice president in charge of operations of the Illinois Central lines. About a year ago he was elected president of the Monon.

**Assaultant Probably Wounded.**

A revolver with one empty cartridge was found near Mr. Rawn's body, it later developed. No trace of the second bullet could be found and the police believe that Mr. Rawn wounded his assailant. Two shots were heard, but it is impossible to determine whether Mr. Rawn or the murderer fired first. Belief that the murderer was wounded by Mr. Rawn was strengthened when the police found a trail of blood about 200 feet along a stone walk east of the Rawn residence.

Investigation by the police showed that the burglar had forced open two front doors in breaking into the house and that he was heard by Mr. Rawn before he had time to ransack any of the rooms. The burglar had apparently just entered the front hall when he was heard by Mr. Rawn, who started down stairs with a revolver in his hand. Nuthall had been disturbed by the intruder.

Coroner Hoffman postponed the inquest until July 23.

**Car Thieves Sentenced.**

MASON CITY, Ia., July 20.—(Special.)—Henry Erickson and Owen McCormack, car breakers, were picked up by Special Agent Rossman of the Great Western, and in their trial Tuesday both men pleaded guilty and were fined \$10 and costs. The former was picked up in Council Bluffs after quite a long search, while McCormack was secured at Blue Earth. Several more arrests may soon follow.

**Eastern Lines  
Delay Advance  
in Freight Rates**

New Schedules to Be Effective November 1 Instead of August 1—Lines in West May Follow.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Important advances in freight rates recently made by the railways in eastern classification territory will be suspended voluntarily by the railroads until November 1 next. This agreement was made by a committee representing the carriers and by Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce commission.

"It is being understood that the commission would exercise its authority under the new laws and suspend all general important advances made to increase rates, the principal carriers in official classification territory proposed today to postpone the effective date of such an advance rate until November 1 next. An arrangement to that effect was made. This will not delay decision as to the reasonableness of the proposed advances."

"It is not unlikely that a similar arrangement may be made between the commission and the carriers in the Western Trunk Line association territory. Such an agreement, it is believed, will be reached before the end of the week."

**Murderer Makes  
Threat from Jail**

Isador Neuman of New York, Who  
Killed Wife and Baby, Writes  
to Mother-in-Law.

NEW YORK, July 20.—According to statements made in court when Isador Neuman, a 20-year-old East Sider, was sentenced today on his plea of guilty of murdering his wife and their infant son, Neuman's threat for blood did not stop with the double killing. The mother and sister of the dead woman appeared to ask the court that the maximum sentence be imposed upon the man. Mrs. Neuman's sister said that since he has been confined in the jails awaiting action on the murder charge, Isador has written her several letters saying that some day he would kill her as he did his wife.

Judge Foster in general sessions sentenced Neuman to not less than twenty years on the wife murder charge and is also sentencing him to the same term if he lives out his first term, may be re-arrested on the charge of cutting his child's throat.

**President Taft  
Off for Bar Harbor**

Chief Executive and Party Leave  
Eastport on the Mayflower at  
Eight in Morning.

EASTPORT, Me., July 20.—The Mayflower, leaving President Taft and party on board, left Eastport at 8 o'clock this forenoon and is due in Bar Harbor late in the afternoon. Urgent requests have been made for President Taft to deliver a short speech in Bar Harbor, and he intimated that he might consent to do so Thursday.

Mrs. Taft and others of the party were guests at Campobello Tuesday afternoon, and H. M. Merriman took the visitors in his launch for a deep sea fishing trip this morning. They returned shortly before the Mayflower was pointed out of the harbor.

BAR HARBOR, Me., July 20.—The yacht Mayflower, with President Taft and party on board, arrived in the harbor here at 2 P. M.

Senator Hale came down from his home at Ellsworth this afternoon and was taken aboard. President Taft will be Senator Hale's guest at his home Saturday evening. The president will remain here three days, leaving Saturday for Bangor.

**WILL ASK TAFT TO OPEN  
CONSERVATION CONGRESS**

Meeting at St. Paul Will Open Day  
Earlier Than Announced—Extra  
Day for Governors.

CHICAGO, July 20.—President Taft will be invited to open the national conservation congress at St. Paul September 4, according to a decision reached today at a conference between the executive committee of the congress and representatives of the twin cities board of managers. It was also decided to open the congress on September 5, instead of September 8, the original date. The extra day will be known as "governors day" and all governors in the country will be invited.

**JACK JOHNSON IS ARRESTED**

Pugilist Fined Fifteen Dollars for  
Speeding His Automobile in  
New York.

NEW YORK, July 20.—John A. Johnson, the champion heavyweight pugilist, as he described himself in an affidavit in police court today, was fined \$15 for recklessly driving his big automobile around the congested spaces near Forty-second street and Seventh Avenue yesterday afternoon. Johnson had an excuse ready.

"I have to go the way I did to dodge the hoodlums who call me names and throw stones at me," said he.

**Loses His Clothes and is  
Stabbed When He Squeals**

Harold Duff, who claims the Metropolitan hotel as his abiding place, is out one complete outfit of wearing apparel and ahead one choice collection of cuts and bruises.

At a late hour Tuesday night Duff, in order to take advantage of the cool evening breeze deserted the doxy bed which he claims was his at the Metropolitan and hid himself in an empty boxcar at the corner of Fourteenth and Nicholas streets where he proceeded to sleep the sleep of the just. During the night he was rudely awakened by two dark-complexioned gentlemen, who demanded of him the contents of his wallet and, that favor being refused,

**STRIKE WILL BE  
OVER IN FEW DAYS**

Vice President of Grand Trunk Says  
Backbone Will Be Broken  
by Saturday.

RECRUITS COMING IN RAPIDLY  
Says New Men Are Applying Faster  
Than Can Be Taken.

FIGHT TO THE FINISH  
Union Official Says Road Must Pay  
Same Scale as Competitors.

PERISHABLE GOODS ON SIDINGS  
Property Loss Will Be Large Unless  
Wheels Begin to Turn Soon—  
Passenger and Mail Trains  
Are on Time.

MONTREAL, Can., July 20.—"The backbone of the strike will be broken by Saturday." This was the assertion today of Vice President Fitzhugh of the Grand Trunk railroad in regard to the strike of its conductors and trainmen.

"This afternoon," he continued, "we resumed part of our suburban service out of Montreal. We are just setting in motion a number of freight trains. Recruits are coming in to take the strikers' places faster than we can take care of them. No disturbance of consequence are reported anywhere. All important passenger trains are moving without interruption. By Saturday or earlier our service will be resumed in its full capacity."

Vice President Murdoch of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and his assistants devoted several hours to negotiations with President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, regarding final adjustment of the status of the conductors and trainmen employed on that road. It was reported that a settlement of disputed points was near.

With the Canadian Pacific railway situation cleared up it is expected the union officials will turn their attention to the Grand Trunk and inaugurate an active campaign.

**Much Perishable Freight.**  
Carloads of perishable freight are standing on sidings far and near, and unless it is possible to begin to turn the wheels soon the property loss will be large. Food supply and crop transportation are vitally involved, it is stated.

A generally expressed opinion at many important points on the Grand Trunk is that the strikers will be able to continue the freight train holdup two or three days longer at least.

Conductors and yardmen in the employ of the Wabash on the tracks that road leaves from the Grand Trunk, between Niagara Falls, Ont., and Windsor, Ont., opposite Detroit, have gone out and as a result the Wabash is having considerable trouble in moving its passenger trains over that division. No attempt is being made to touch the freight.

**No Serious Disorder.**  
Freedom from serious disorder continues to characterize conditions.

Only at two points has trouble been reported. Strike sympathizers roughly handled two railroad employes at Niagara Falls, Ontario, and late last night at Sherbrooke an acting conductor of a Montreal bound train was attacked by a crowd. Two policemen and the station agent finally got him to his train, which then proceeded.

Both the Grand Trunk and the Wabash are recruiting men. Vice President Fitzhugh, who is in charge of the company, said today he expected partial resumption of freight operations before night, but that any widespread movement could not be expected for a few days.

**Vessels with Half Cargoes.**  
The congestion of west-bound freight on the docks at Montreal harbor is increasing, while shipping companies say that sea-going steamers which leave this port Friday and Saturday for Europe will go out with no more than half loads because of the delay in freight from the west.

The strikers' ability to keep a majority of its passenger trains moving, but say that if the pressure of the freight tie up on which they have relied proves insufficient to force some satisfactory settlement within a day or two, a strong effort will be made to get the railroad telegraphers to quit.

Leaders on both sides say all thought of arbitration or compromise has been abandoned.

The postoffice officials report the mail service practically uninterrupted.

**Trains Interrupted.**  
ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 20.—Vice President and General Manager Henry Miller of the Wabash received a telegram today from union officials that the Wabash service will not be interrupted to any extent by reason of the strike on the Grand Trunk. The Wabash operates its trains from Detroit to Buffalo over the Grand Trunk rails and it will not accept or deliver any traffic, passenger or freight between Detroit and Buffalo during the strike.

**BOY STARTS SEVERAL FIRES**

Chicago Lad Wanted to "Get Even"  
with Big Fireman Who  
Chased Him.

CHICAGO, July 20.—Because a "big fireman" chased him away from a fire engine house, Leroy Holmner, 12 years old, today admitted that he set fire to seven buildings. The fires caused several thousand dollars damage. The boy said he set the buildings on fire in order to "get even" with the fireman who chased him.

**These Can "Come Back"**



From the Minneapolis Journal.

**CANNON TALKS OF KANSAS**

Speaker Says Insurgent Movement is  
Insignificant.

DELEGATION WILL BE RENAMED  
He Says He is Feeling Better and  
Will Take Active Part in Campaign  
in Illinois and  
Other States.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 20.—Speaker Joseph G. Cannon arrived in Kansas City at 7 o'clock this morning from Marion, Kan., where last night he closed his Kansas stump tour in behalf of "standpat" republican congressmen who are seeking renomination.

Speaker Cannon left for St. Louis on the Chicago & Alton road at 9:30 a. m. He will go from St. Louis to his home in Danville, Ill., either tonight or tomorrow morning.

He was pretty well worn out last night, but when he reached Kansas City he said he was feeling well. Despite his 74 years and his temporary collapse at Winfield last Saturday, the speaker is determined to get into the fall campaign.

Speaker Cannon will stay in Danville a few days, but before the end of the month will go to Mackinac, Mich., for a rest of a week or ten days.

**Campaign in Illinois.**  
"The Illinois primaries will not take place until September 15," said Mr. Cannon today, and as far as he knows there is no opposition to my renomination. I expect to spend about two weeks campaigning in my district, but I shall probably do it before the primaries in order to get the matter out of the way before the heavy work of the fall begins.

"When the regular congressional campaign opens, I shall be at the service of the national republican congressional committee."

"I feel able to go through the campaign. I always dislike to enter on a campaign, but after I am into it I like it, because it is a thing to be done. After I have been at it a week, my nerve hardens to the work."

Most of Speaker Cannon's tour was in the Fourth congressional district, where the hottest primary contest in the state is being waged. This district is the home of William A. Walter, the Emporia editor, who, in a way, is the campaign manager for the Kansas insurgents, and Attorney General Fred S. Jackson is making a vigorous campaign against the renomination of Congressman J. M. Miller, a member of the "standpat" party.

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**HOLE IN FENCE BECOMES  
DIPLOMATIC INCIDENT**

American Citizen in Jail in Mexico  
Charged with Cutting Bound-  
ary Barrier.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—A hole cut in a wire fence threatens to become an international incident between the United States and Mexico.

Protests have reached the State department from California against the arrest in Mexico of D. W. MacKay on the charge of having cut the hole. It is alleged he placed a gate on a boundary fence near Tijuana, a little town just across the international border in Mexico. The reports are that MacKay not only was arrested, but had been refused bail pending his trial.

The State department today cabled the American embassy at Mexico City for a full investigation of the incident.

**The wants—  
Wade through  
them today.**

You will find an  
interesting batch of  
all sorts of things.

Everything from a lost  
stick pin to a thousand acres  
of land.  
Homes for all.  
Jobs for all.  
Places to borrow.  
Places to buy.  
Bargains of every description.  
The Bee's want section furnishes  
reading for a half hour—pleasant  
reading and profitable.  
Call Tyler 1000, when you are in  
a hurry.

**Aeroplane Struck  
by Lightning  
During Flight**

Machine of Aviator Ehrmann De-  
stroyed by Bolt in Spain, but  
He Escapes Unhurt.

BARCELONA, July 20.—While he was making a cross-country flight today Aviator Ehrmann's aeroplane was struck by lightning and fell blazing to the ground. The aviator escaped unhurt.

There has never been a more startling aerial exhibition than that which Ehrmann unwillingly afforded. He was sailing along at a moderate height when he got in the path of a sky bolt. Instantly the aeroplane was enveloped in flames, its canvas wings shriveled up and clinging to the skeleton of his craft Ehrmann came down with a thud.

**British Railroad  
Strike is Growing**

Ten Thousand Men Quit Work Tues-  
day Night and Each Hour Adds  
to Number Out.

NEWCASTLE, England, July 20.—The strike movement against the Northeastern Railroad was strengthened today. Ten thousand men had quit work last night. Every hour since has brought reports of further desertions.

Along the River Tyne, scores of coal ships are tied by unable to obtain cargoes. Many factories in the vicinity have shut down. The strike is founded upon dissatisfaction in the conditions of employment.

**WARREN FIGHT FOR NEXT CONVENTION.**

The sensations of the day were those cropping out of the fight for the convention town. Fiery speeches from both factions, and a third, Denver, which quickly withdrew, put up stirring fights for their respective towns. Boston's plea was that the east had been overlooked in the choosing of conventions in the past, and therefore it was for the interest of the association to travel into that section. The holding of the convention in that city, it was argued, would do more to make the organization national than anything else.

Milwaukee contended that it was more nearly in the center of the largest membership zone than Boston.

Ex-governor Hayes of Colorado made a talk for Denver, which he turned into a polite withdrawal of the town from the race and announced that it would make a big fight for the year after next convention.

All the resolutions of the convention were (Continued on Second Page.)

**What! City Editor is Robbed  
of \$140 in Real Hard Money**

At some time in the night, while they slept, there came the thief. He ransacked the clothing of the sleeping young men and carried away \$140. A few dollars in silver was left for breakfast money. In the forenoon telegraphic communication between Omaha and Minneapolis was opened, and the loss of the \$140 will not necessarily break up the ad men's convention.

"Why," said Curtis Mosher of St. Paul, a little thing like the theft of a few hundred dollars is nothing when you consider that money actually grows."

But just then one of the St. Joseph mules set up such a see-how that the remainder of the evening, clothes were doffed late in the evening, and two tired boosters did the now-lays-me act with a buoyancy of conscience well befitting innocent children.

Thus far there is no clue to the thief.

**BIG SAENGERFEST  
HAS FINE START**

First Concert of Biennial Meet-  
ing Heard by Thousands at Audi-  
torium Last Evening.

WELCOME SPEECHES MADE  
Robert Strehlow and Mayor Dahlman  
Submit Remarks.

BUND PRESIDENT ANSWERS  
Otto Rohland of St. Paul Thanks  
Local Men for Work.

THOUSANDS HERE TO SING  
Trainload After Trainload of German  
Vocalists Unload at Union and  
Hurlington Stations Dur-  
ing Morning.

The great Saengerfest is on. Throughout the auditorium there sounded last night the harmonies of a mixed chorus of men and women, all Omahans. These will be replaced tonight by the 2000 male singers who arrived yesterday from all over the middle west.

The opening concert, vocally a great success, was opened by two orchestral numbers and then the Omaha male chorus sang the "Welcome," written by Mosher. Followed three addresses. Robert Strehlow, president of the Omaha Saengerfest association, welcomed the visitors as behalf of the association which is their host. Mayor Dahlman followed in behalf of the city and Otto Rohland of St. Paul made response as president of the National Saengerbund. The musical program then proceeded between 4:00 and 5:00 people filled the great building.

**Singers Four In.**  
Hours before the twenty-fourth biennial of the Saengerbund of the Northwest began its sessions, the delegates had captured Omaha. These singers began pouring into Union station at an early hour, special train after special train discharging hundreds of singers.

Among the first to arrive were the men of the United Singing societies of St. Paul and Minneapolis, headed by Otto Rohland, president of the Saengerbund of the Northwest. He and all the other visitors were whisked away to the Auditorium, where in the great basement room on the northeast side breakfast was served.

Women of the Omaha singing societies and the Omaha Saengerfest association were the hosts at this continuous breakfast, which lasted from 8 to 12, nearly 2,000 men and women being served.

The Omaha Maennerchor was also a host at the affair.

"The outlook for the greatest fest in the history of the saengerbund," declared President Rohland, "and this is fitting, for this fest celebrates our semi-centennial, you know. This great association is fifty years old, and is letting things happen better every five years. An immense amount of preparatory work is going through with you. You know how all the societies rehearse the music they will sing for two years before we all come together in a grand festival of the Northwest. Each band's own director and then under the first director who travels from city to city."

President Rohland complimented Vice President Peter Loun of Omaha on the preparation of the Omaha Saengerbund association has made for this meeting. An immense amount of detail work has had to be carried out.

**In Gaily Attire.**  
Omaha during the day finished the work of putting on gay attire for the visitors and the city is being decorated as it has not been since such a large number of people were here last September. Thousands of pennants and banners were hung out in the breeze and the German tri-color, red, white and black, mingled with the red, white and blue of the United States flag.

The early arriving delegates wanted no time in bursting into song. Little groups of them would sing in the corridors of whatever hotel they happened to be assigned to. The big delegation marched to the Rome hotel looking for Governor Eberhart, whom they intended to serenade. Although disappointed at finding him none home they gave their songs anyway, some singing with majestic volume.

The Rome was a cosmopolitan place at this hour. In the convention hall Arthur Brisbane was addressing the ad men's convention, the Germans were singing in the lobby, while in the women's dining room a reception was being held for the Right Rev. H. G. von Scheele, bishop of Sweden, and Lady von Scheele.

Meantime, in the Auditorium, the Omaha women's chorus was having final rehearsal with the orchestra and several hundred sweet-voiced girls and young men were singing for dear life.

The front part of the building was as animated as the basement breakfast room and the stage. In the several offices, remaining delegates were registering and receiving tickets and badges. Also hundreds of people were in line at the box office.

Societies from all the points of the middle west came into the Omaha stations in one continuous stream. Many of them were scenes of excitement and on Tenth street one or more groups of the singers were to be seen any time marching along or being welcomed by Omaha friends.

**Davenport is Present.**  
Davenport, Ia., sent a number on the Rock Island car Tuesday morning, followed by delegations on the Northwestern from Keosauqua, Ill., Milwaukee, St. Paul, all on special trains. Chicago and Milwaukee sent a combination special on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul and the Great Western had a train from Dubuque.

On the Burlington road, Burlington, Ia., and Keosauqua, Ill., and Lincoln, Neb., each sent from forty members, the largest number coming from Burlington. The singers of Denver were expected in at 4 p. m. this afternoon with two cars.

The first concert will be given this evening. It is the "reception concert" for the visitors, and Omaha choruses and soloists will be heard. The program is as follows:

St. Paul has sent a delegation of 150 singers and boosters and Minneapolis as many more. Part of them are at Hotel Rome, where the Concordia Singing society has established headquarters, and the rest are at the Millard.

St. Paul now has the president of the Saengerbund, in the person of Alderman Otto Rohland, and is after the fest for next year. The Minnesota capital city has always been one of the leaders in bund affairs and some of the best and the best. The organizers have been helped by the St. Paul bunch at room 8 in Labor Temple.